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**Tribute to
Samuel Dee Wilson Duvall**

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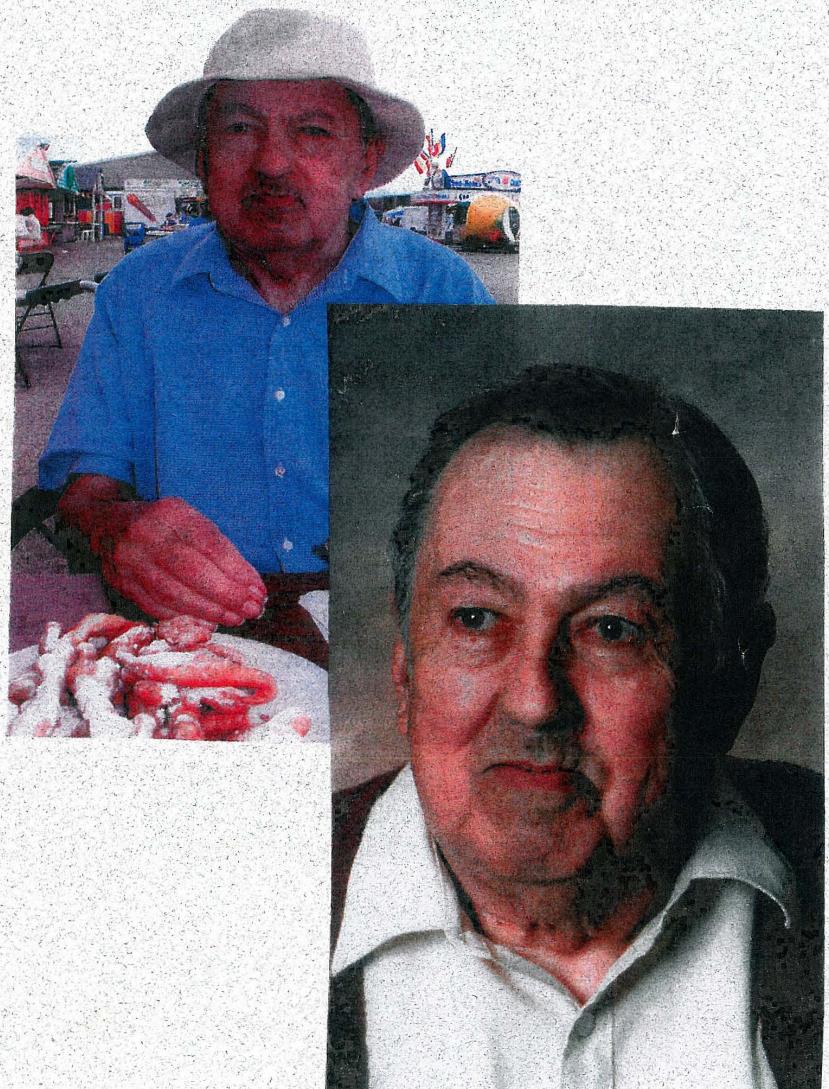
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Samuel Dee Wilson Duvall, 79 of Pascagoula passed away at his home on Sunday, September 2, 2007 following prolonged illnesses. He is preceded in death by his former wife, Faye and is survived by his daughter, Martha Lewis Duvall of Pascagoula, MS; and nieces Teresa Flautt Oxford, MS and Ruth Ellen Kuhnel of Roanoke, VA; great nephews David Flautt, Jr. and Duvall Flautt of Oxford and Wilson Kuhnel of Roanoke.

Mr. Duvall was born May 31, 1928 in Tupelo, MS. He grew up in Tupelo and Oxford where he attended University High School and Ole Miss. While in college he met and married Faye Lewis of Pascagoula. The couple moved to Pascagoula in the late 1940's where he operated Lewis Furniture Company, Lewis Pecan Company and Uptown Grocery on North Pascagoula Street. He later worked for Sears Roebuck and Company, where he proved to be a successful salesman and valuable asset, and later Ingalls Shipbuilding.

He was an avid genealogist and historian, past member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and proud Ole Miss Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) alumnus. He was the last surviving member of the 1950 class of the Pascagoula Rotary Club, and a volunteer at Singing River Industries. Duvall was also a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula.

He had many friends and relatives in Mississippi and Alabama and was considered by them to be genial, thoughtful and ready to extend a helping hand in time of need.

FUNERAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
SAMUEL DEE WILSON DUVALL
MAY 31, 1928 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2007
First Presbyterian Church
Pascagoula, Mississippi
SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Prelude

The Procession of Family

The Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, who brought us to birth and in whose arms we die,
People: *In our grief and sadness contain and comfort us.*

Leader: Embrace and enfold us this day with your love.

People: *Grant us hope and healing in the midst of our confusion.*

Leader: For you tell us, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God and I am forever by your side."

People: *Help us to grieve over this ending without falling into despair.*

Leader: Help us to see that you are not distant but near, not far removed, but close at hand.

People: *That we might know your presence, and your power and your abundant love—a presence ever-firm, a power ever-true, and a love that is stronger than death.*

The Hymn No. 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer The Rev. Clint Regen
The Readings From Scripture John 14:1-7; Romans 8:31-39;
Corinthians 15:51-58

The Hymn No. 304

"Jesus Loves Me!"

The Message The Rev. Dennis Ray Smith
The Affirmation Of Faith the "Heidelberg Catechism"

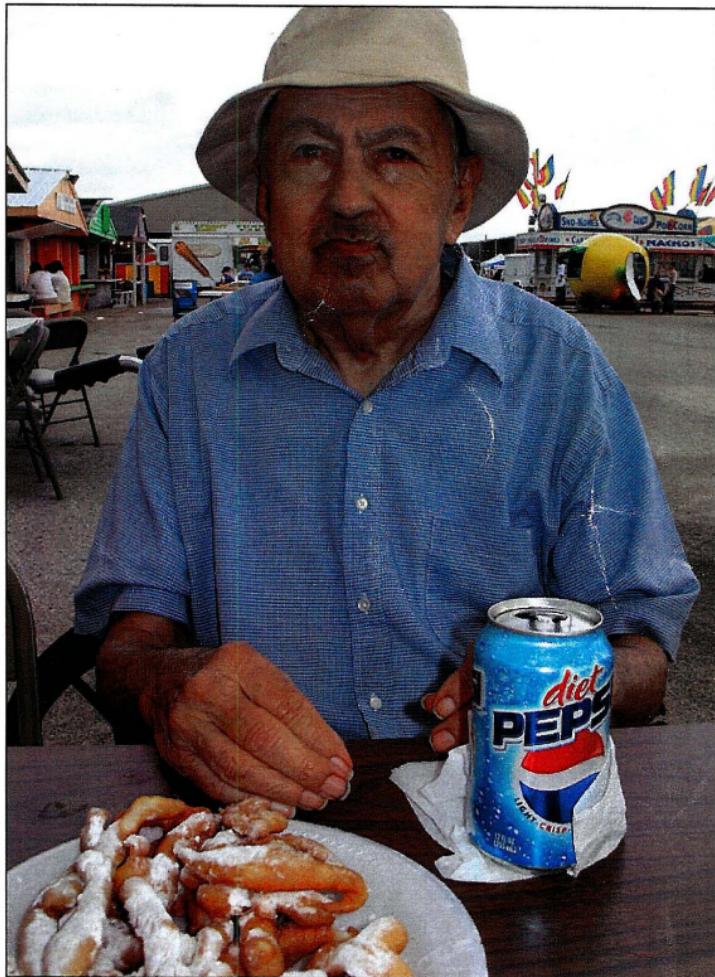
Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Blessing

The Postlude

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What is your favorite Wilson Duvall story?

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Have you got a great Wilson story?
If so, please jot it down below and let Martha hear from you...

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address



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Martha Duvall
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Pascagoula, MS 39567

TO: MARTHA

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Duvall remembered as a man of character

Saturday, September 08, 2007

By BRAD CROCKER

The Mississippi Press

PASCAGOULA -- The word "character" is most often used to describe Wilson Duvall by those who knew him.

Duvall, 79, a longtime Pascagoula resident, was buried Thursday, but his friends said their memories of him will not die.

Whether he was running the family furniture store, pecan company, grocery store, selling goods at Sears and Roebuck or punching the clock at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Duvall was known as a man among the people.

You could find him in coffee shops heading up conversations or helping people find a place to stay.

"He could always find somebody to talk to," said longtime friend Mary Day Lander.

Local author and historian Jay Higginbotham rented one of Duvall's rooms on the Pascagoula Beach in 1964 while writing his eighth book, "Brother Holifield."

They met after learning that Higginbotham and Duvall's wife, Faye Lewis Duvall, were descendants of Jean Baptiste Baudrau dit Graveline, one of the founders of the Louisiana Colony, and Pierre d'Iberville.

In 1969, when Hurricane Camille hit the Coast, Higginbotham said Duvall sent his wife and daughter, Martha, to safety but said he'd stay "to hold the door back to keep the hurricane from coming in."

Born in Tupelo, Duvall was raised in Oxford, where he attended high school and later Ole Miss.

"He always loved going back to Oxford," Higginbotham said. "He was proud that their beach house was next to the one where (William) Faulkner wrote *Mosquitoes* when he was in Pascagoula."

Duvall, a past member of the Sons of the American Revolution, loved history and genealogy, Higginbotham said.

He was also known for his humor and abilities to engage others in spirited intellectual debates, many times slipping in a joke without others realizing it until later.

"His humor was different. He was frank but subtle," Higginbotham said.

Many of the "Wilson stories" told the past week also centered around his appreciation for a dollar.

"He was always looking for a good deal. He was a very astute investor," Higginbotham said.

Lander said when the Isle of Capri opened its two river boats that served as the Coast's first casinos, Duvall brought \$2 with him and refused to lose any more money.

He was also remembered for taking oranges grown in his back yard to nursing home residents and always looking for ways to improve services and quality of life issues for senior citizens.

"I enjoyed everything about him," said Jean Carr, a neighbor of Duvall's for 29 years.

Carr also recalled Duvall's love for his late wife, who died 29 years ago, and

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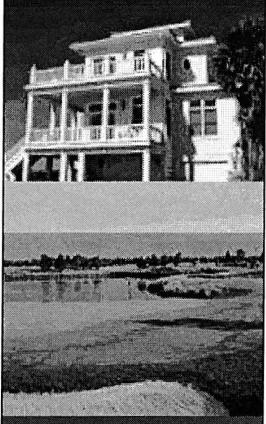
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their daughter. "They were his life," she said.

His love for his dogs was among the other memories shared by friends.

The last surviving member of the 1950s class of the Pascagoula Rotary Club, Duvall was "one of the biggest characters in Jackson County," said Rotarian Mike Montgomery, who said he also saw Duvall's giving character when Montgomery operated Singing River Industries, which was located across the street from Duvall's home.

"I've heard so many touching stories. I have a new appreciation for my dad," Martha Duvall said.

"He was something special. There's not another Wilson Duvall," Carr said.

Reporter Brad Crocker can be reached at bcrocker@themississippipress.com or (228) 934-1431.

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Renee Hague

From: SWaller [SWaller637@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 3:23 PM
To: Renee Hague
Subject: Re: Duvall

Dear Renee,

With a new GPS I feel almost invincible, but I still don't like to go places by myself. I have run into the James Dumont Duvall a few times, and I do have a father of Sylvester Duvall for him. We have Sylvesters in our Duvall family. John Sylvester, Henry Sylvester... It does sound like we need to visit to read what he has. Nowadays so much is on the Internet.

The brothers that came from France had stolen a horse, and it is a common story, but no one seems to know the exact details or number of brothers, or their names. If his research started with James Dumont Duvall, he didn't go back far enough in his research, but its something we need to see. If you have anything that dates to James Dumont Duvall father or before 1868, could you let me know? I have James Dumont Duvall born Feb 1868.

The Mason information is part of my line. Frances Mason was a sister to Calderwood Mason. I am descended from his first wife Sally Lott. I believe John Mason born 1768 was the father of Calderwood Mason, but I don't think the George's fit into our line.

I found your library online, can you email me the address, and possibly directions?

Thank you very much,
Sharon Waller
112 Summerwood Dr
Petal, MS 39465

Renee Hague wrote:

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> Dear Sharon,
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> We received your request for Duvall information. Wilson Duvall did
> leave us a huge collection of his and Faye's research. There is so
> much on the Duvalls...mainly from James Dumont Duvall down...he married
> Mary O. Whitsett....so that is late 19th century-20th century
> families. There are copies of documents, letters, family group sheets,
> etc... I didn't find the story about 4 brothers coming from France, or
> did I see a copy of that picture in the file.
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> We don't have much at all on the Masons. There is a lineage chart
> compiled by Marianna Matkin, which starts with George Mason...and goes
> back to John Mason, England...but it only has four generations and no
> allied lines...it's George, George Wharton, Charles William, then John .
> There is a marriage of Frances Mason and James Brannan in Mobile Co.
> AL 12 Sept. 1834, and a print out of the marriage date of Calderwood
> Mason and Sarah Sumrall...May 3, 1832. Looks like he was also married to
> Sally Lott, but a date is not there for that marriage. That is all in
> that file but if you would like copies, I could mail them to you, just
> give me your mailing address.
>
> I hope that you can make a trip down here to our library, if you would
> like to access Wilson's collection. I can't copy the whole thing for

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> you because it would be more than we can do for a patron...it is HUGE!!
> Several hundred pages or more. If you can be more specific about what
> you might want or tell me exactly what kind of information you need,
> then please do so and I will be glad to get it.
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> Hope to hear from you soon!
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> Thanks,
>
> Renee Gautier-Hague
>
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Renee Hague

From: James Henry LeBatard [james-henry@earthlink.net]
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Subject: Fw: Pictures for you
Attachments: ATT5941614.gif; ATT5941616.jpg; image001.jpg; image002.jpg

Good afternoon....I just stumbled upon this photograph taken last September when I did an historical display about St. Pierre's and the Episcopal Church at our local public library. I just thought you might enjoy seeing the display, and of course my picture might come in handy if you need to frighten pests out of your garden.... Your friend James Henry

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From: Jo Anne West
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Subject: Pictures for you

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tenant house ordinarily, Papa had someone to farm for him to share crop and live in this house. When we got to Papa's that Mary and Harry got out of the car but we didn't. We turned into the field and the car doors opened out different then. Harry didn't close the door when they got out and as Frank drove through the gate the door caught and tore almost off so he later had to fix it. We got to the house and as we got out of the car Frank thought about locking the door and the key at his daddy's when he left. So he just raised the window by the door on the porch of the tenant house and lifted me over the windowsills instead of the door.



Verna, Frank and son,
John - 1931

When we got in the house Frank made a fire in the fireplace and went into the yard close by the house to the well. The well was about 12 inches square, dug deep into the ground and wide boards to fill it up about 4 feet above the ground with a rod at the top to put wheel on that had a curve in the rim around it that held a rope. Then there was a long bucket about two feet long of metal with a tall hole in the bottom with a leather flap over it that could be used up to let water run through to empty it. Frank drew a bucket of fresh water, then we read our bible and each said a prayer and went to bed. Papa Davis came the next morning to unlock the door and we had a good laugh about coming through the window. On Dec. 1, 1929 just one day before our 10 months anniversary, baby boy, Gray Orestes was born in real cold weather. He took pneumonia and only lived four days. Five other children were John Davis, Jr. married 7-7-1951 Mattie Brown; Etta Lonelle married 25-1951 Robert A. Nelson. Estha Louise married 5-1961 Joe Yener; Virginia Gail married 1st 8-19-1960 Don Holt, 2nd John Diddleton. Betty Gray Belle married 7-1965 Billy Skoglund. Sources Family History - Public Records; Written by Verna Davis, Submitted by John Davis, Wilmer, AL.

James Travis Davis and Linda Sue Richardson

James Travis Davis b 8-24-1960 married 4-12-1980 Linda Sue Richardson b 6-6-1962 in Tanner-Williams United Methodist Church. Their children are James Bradford "Brad" b 8-21-1982, Matthew Lee "Matt" b 1-24-1984; Thomas Jeffery "Jeff" b 9-8-1985 all born in Mobile Co.

Jim's parents' are John F. Davis, Jr. and Mattie B. Davis. Linda's parents' are Norman Joseph Richardson b 4-18-1925 married Opal Sadie Bolen. Their children are Patricia Diane Shannon, Polly Deborah Shannon, Marilyn Rebecca, and Judith Ann, and Linda Sue Richardson.

Brad graduated from Baker High School in 2000. He is now attending and playing baseball for Bishop State Community College. Matt will graduate from Baker High School in 2002. Jeff will graduate from Baker High School in 2004. For the first time in Baker's history, three brothers played

baseball in the same season. They have a great love for the game, which you can tell by watching them play. When not playing baseball they also love to fish and hunt.

Norman's parents were Shenon Edward Richardson b 7-29-1895-11-13-1933 married Laura Elizabeth Johnson b 5-12-1905 -d 5-1975. They had four children Norman, Louis Arnold b 6-9-1927, Cecil b 11-27-1929, and Alice Rose b 9-27-1931. Shenon died scarlet fever at the age of 38. On June 20, 1936 Laura married Isham Strong. They had no children together.

Opal's parents were James Madison Bolen b 4-7-1885- d 10-21-50 married to Cora Mae Virginia Jackson b 1-24-1892- d 3-8-

1970. They had six children James Walton, Raymond Donald (died when he was 2), Vernon Marie, Ruth Mae, Lexie Florence, and Opal Sadie.

Source Family History Submitted by Linda Sue Richardson Davis, 10810 Tanner-Williams Road, Mobile, AL 36608.

Lemon Davis and Myrtle Slocovich

Myrtle S. Davis eulogy at graveside Magnolia Cemetery 8-11-2000.

In February 1904, when she was born, her grandfather had already purchased this piece of property for her place of rest beside her husband Lemon Davis, was grandfather so prophetic that he was telling the world that we are created for God, and God alone?

From that day Myrtle led a full and rich life. She grew up in Mobile, went to Leinkauf school, married, and had a career working with Raphael's, retired and spent many years in retirement in west Mobile until her death August 8, 2000. These facts are not important but what is important is the person and quality of her life. A favorite scripture quotation is found in Jeremiah "This is a Covenant I will make with the house of Israel. . . I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts, I will be their God and they will be my people." Was this not the way Myrtle Davis lived her life? God was her God, a personal being. She was aware of His many gifts to her and she stopped frequently to look, smell and delight in his creation.



Lemon and Myrtle at the farm in 1945.

Moment by moment, day by day, year by year she grew in his grace. Myrtle Davis was a lady. She was brought up in the early 1900's when life was simple. She lived that way until she died. She married her sweetheart, Lemon Davis, golf pro and he became the center of her life. She was not interested in living in the fast lane but spent time in keeping her home neat and clean and beautiful. She was not only beautiful in spirit but in presence. Her appearance was impressive as she treated the patrons at Raphael's with dignity in whatever role she assumed. In later years after she retired her garden became her sanctuary. Myrtle remained her sweet, unique self in her last hours as she waited the Lord's calling.

Lemon Orestes Davis born October 2, 1900 in Spartanburg, SC died 1973 in Mobile, AL. He married Myrtle; August 19, 1934 they lived for a time in New Orleans, La. He won many golf trophies during that time. His occupation was stonemason as was his fathers. He built many of the Mausoleums in Magnolia Cemetery and he built the first in Pine Crest Cemetery for a Mrs. Daves. She wanted to move her husband from a cemetery in New Orleans, La. to Pine Crest Cemetery.

Lemon was the son of O.A. Davis and Belle F. Brown Davis, see their story in this book.

Myrtle's mother was Marcella Rondeau Slocovich 1883-1963. Her grandparents were Gaines Rondeau 1880-1913 & Faustine Rondeau 1974-1908. Great-Grandparents Edward T. Rondeau 1841-1920 & Mary Williamson Rondeau 1848-1925. Marcella had two sisters: Ermina Rondeau 1886-1956 and Edwina Rondeau 1878-1952. All buried in Magnolia Cemetery.

Sources: Excerpts of Myrtle S. Davis Eulogy given by Sharon DeFever, Chaplain. Family knowledge. Written by Mattie Davis, Submitted by Betty Jo Tanner Roberts, Mobile, AL.

DeVol-Duval

The progenitor of the Duval family of Spanish Mobile was Daniel De Vol, born in January 1784 in Rhode Island. His father served in the Revolutionary War and through him, descent is traced to George Soule, Mayflower passenger and Compact signer. Soule's granddaughter Mary married William De Vol, also of early Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Upon arrival in the sleepy Creole town of Mobile in 1811, DeVol, Jr. served in the local patrol organization. He brought five years experience from service in New Orleans, and proved himself popular among his colleagues, who continually voted to promote him... eventually to Captain. For possible service during the War of 1812,

the patrol became militia, into which he was induced as an Ensign and later as a Lieutenant in the 14th Regiment, U.S. Army, which was retained locally for defense of Mobile.

De Vol figured prominently in establishing Spanish Mobile as an American city after its capture by U.S. General James Wilkerson on April 13, 1813. A Spanish señorita caught his eye, and as recorded in the Mobile Diocese records, he married on May 18, 1812, Catalina (Catherine) Caro, born in Pensacola, Fla., c. 1790 to Spanish parents who by 1798 had moved the family and shipbuilding operation to Mobile River on site of today's Riverview Plaza.

Judge Harry Toulmin of the Mississippi Territory, to which Mobile County was then aligned, appointed Devol as Sheriff of the County. Commissioned on August 29, 1814, he organized efforts to establish Mobile County and town as American entities. Civic officers and aldermen were elected for the commission form of government; and in December 1817 when the Alabama Territory was formed from the Mississippi Territory, the routine of change was the same— except that Devol was re-elected as sheriff and president (mayor) of the Board of Aldermen, as well. He served in the mayoral capacity until December 1818, actively participating in Mobile's phenomenal growth in population (with an eventual seven children of his own!), as well as attempts in solving the inherent social problems. From 1812 to 1823, he was a consummate public servant, efficient in many and varied capacities from lowly clerk to the highest office of the County: Sheriff. He often served terms in absence of other officers: in December 1816 Judge Toulmin added duties as Tax Assessor and Collector, Constable, and Justice of the Peace. As the latter, he performed many civil marriages—all simultaneously with duties of the Sheriff.

Perhaps during his tenure as "the tax man", reluctant property owners deliberately mispronounced "Devol" as "devil." He began signing his name as "Duvol," which evolved to Duval, the most popular spelling of the old French/Norman name used at Deauville in southwest France.

Duvol had the special distinction of being on board in top offices during the two major transitions: he was both mayor and sheriff when the Alabama Territory was formed, and again in December 1819 when Alabama became the 22nd State of the Union. It seems historians have not been aware that Samuel Garrow was replaced with Duvol in March 1819, according to the official Minutes of the City Aldermen.

Probably it was an exhausted Duvol who tendered his resignation of public offices in 1822, despite the new, long awaited Courthouse and pleas carried in the newspaper for his continued service. Real estate investments required his attention until his death. On April 18, 1824, he died and was interred with Masonic Honors in Church Street Cemetery, which was established during his 1819 administration. His widow Catherine, three adult sons and a grandson lie adjacent to his remains in Lot 38 North.

Duvol was also President of the Vestry of the little old Church of Immaculate Conception then on Royal at Conti Streets, from 1822-24. All seven of his and Catherine's children were baptized there very shortly after their births.

Sources: Board of Aldermen Minutes 1814-1823 (Mobile, AL); Stollenwerck/Chaudron Families in America, by Frank Stollenwerck; Mayflower Families through Five Generations, Vol. III (George Soule); Membership Records of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Times-Picayune of New Orleans. Written by Doris McGill Watt (Mrs. I. L.), 2932 Squire Lane, Mobile, AL 36695-4220, 334-633-9288; Submitted by: Winston McGill.

Mobile. Their family was quite large.

William John Duval born August 31, 1815 died in New Orleans April 17, 1875. Married Heloise Jeanereau in Mobile, July 4, 1845. W.J. was tax assessor for Mobile in 1847 and 1848; worked in sales and as co-owner of a ship in New Orleans where Heloise died of yellow fever. One daughter, Louise T., married Daniel M. Kelly and moved to New York.

Theodore Duval born February 10, 1817 died in New Orleans February 24, 1889. Married January 10, 1840 in Mobile Emily W. Rhodes. Lived in Moss Point, Mississippi, until mid-1850s, having many children there and in New Orleans. Theodore was an enterprising businessman.

George Sylvester Duval born December 1, 1818 died January 19, 1869 at Memphis. Married April 30, 1845, Margaret K. Lavallette of Pensacola, Fla. They had a large family in Memphis and in Philadelphia, Pa., where the U.S. Customs Service, his employer, for duration of the Civil War, sent him. One of his granddaughters married a grandson of Raphael Semmes. George S. was also a mariner.

Mercedes ("Mercie") Duval born September 8, 1821 died January 1902 in Flomaton, Ala., at the home of Alfred Chaudron. She married Felix Chaudron December 22, 1835, at Demopolis, Ala., where several children were born prior to their 1838 return to Mobile. Their youngest child was born at Perdue Hill, Ala., where they bought the old Steele plantation. Felix operated cotton warehouses at Claiborne. He died October 28, 1873.

Francis Alexander Duval born August 14, 1823 his baptism the following year in May indicates that his father had a lingering illness prior to death in April 1824. F.A. Duval died at the residence of his deceased brother, Phillip, in 1879, and interred also in Lot 38-North of the Old Cemetery, after an illustrious newspaper career in Memphis, north Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, particularly in Selma, Ala., during and after the Civil War. He married Mary Spooner, a cousin also of Mayflower descent, in Memphis. She died at Claiborne, Ala., March 13, 1854, without issue. Each of the Duval children can be found in the 1850 and subsequent censuses for Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Theodore Duval's children are too numerous to list, as are the Chaudron offspring (who can be detailed in Stollenwerck/Chaudron Families in America by Frank Stollenwerck) at the Mobile Public Library Special Collections Division.

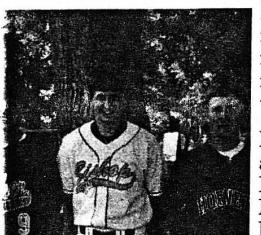
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John Lenard Deakle and Sally Grissom

The progenitor of the Deakles in America was John Lenard Deakle (originally spelled Dekle or Deckle) who came to Effington Co., GA in 1754 from Hanover, Germany, at the age of 17. He married Sallie Grissom, who was from Wales. They were parents of eight children. It is from their eldest daughter Susana, born c 1784, that most of the local Deakle families descend, through her sons Andrew and Willis. She later married Henry Miller (1771-1852). Susana died in 1871 and is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery in an unmarked grave in the same lot with her son Andrew.

Andrew Deakle was born 1802 in Georgia, and married Agnes Grelot, daughter of Bartholemey Grelot II and Marie Margaret Bosarge. They were the parents of twelve children: Mary, born 1827, married James Bullard; Elizabeth Isabella, born 1829, married 1st in 1847 Jesse C. (Sipe) Smith, and married 2nd in 1857 Daniel B. Akridge. William, born 1830, married in 1855 Elizabeth Childress. William died at Vicksburg in 1863 and is buried there; Louisa, born 1833, married in 1854 Preston Davidson; Bazile, born 1835, married in 1859 Desiree Bosarge; Edward A., born 1837, married in 1865 Mary Clementine Cassibry; Joseph W., born 1839, married 1867 Victoria Bosarge; Margaret, born 1841, married in 1858 Willis L. Deakle, her cousin; Susan, born 1843, married L.C. Saulter; John, born 1847, married in 1865 Rose Ann Baker, a widow; Marcelite, born 1847, married in 1866 William D. Valverde; and Augustus, born 1850, married in 1876 Victoria McCrary.

Andrew Deakle died in 1862 and his wife Agnes died in 1875. They are buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, as are three of their chil-



Jeff, Brad and Matt Davis

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est."

"I think it's a lot of fun," said third-grader Kayla Neil. "I use a lot of the verbs we are burying today. Maybe next time I write I can remember this and not use them so much."

"I thought they were kidding, but here we are dressed all in black burying a bunch

"This is the kind of stuff kids remember," said Suzanne Ros, school principal. "And hopefully as they remember this, they'll be better writers in the process."

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Along came Hurricane Camille on August 18, 1969. Wilson endured the wind and water all night in his home on Beach Boulevard. Other homes around him were destroyed, including the home next door where William Faulkner wrote "Mosquitos."

The Duvalls and Faulkner shared the woods in between their Oxford homes. The University Woods were once called Bailey Woods. One day in 1944 while a 16-year old Duvall was in the woods, he met Faulkner for the first time.

His eldest niece runs Duvall's in Oxford. It was an all-men's store when his parents opened it for business in 1958. Then, they realized women purchased much more clothing.

In 1977, Wilson was recognized by United Way for helping people in this community as an outstanding volunteer.

Now, his only child, Martha Duvall, is the public relations/communications coordinator for United Way.

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BIRTHS

Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula has announced the following births for the month of July 2004.

Jason William Tapper was born July 2, 2004, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jason Tapper (nee Candi Nicole Polansky) of Moss Point.

Logan McKinley Alyssa Roberts was born July 3, 2004, to Margaret Lauraell Roberts of Moss Point.

Anna Catherine Brown was born July 4, 2004, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dudley Brown (nee Amy Vivian May) of Moss Point.

Brenna Marie Lee was born July 5, 2004, to Mr. and Mrs.

Samuel Thomas Lee (nee Shannon Denise Jones) of Gautier.

Dewan Tiaman Johnson Jr. was born July 5, 2004, to Latoya Nicole Middleton of Moss Point.

Ayona Marche' Dejean Johnson was born July 6, 2004, to Charneeka Charquealla Johnson of Moss Point.

Jaylin Parker Gooden was born July 8, 2004, was born Tywanna Latrice Thomas of Moss Point.

Kyndal Reice Emerson was born July 8, 2004, to Mr. and Mrs. David Wesley Emerson (nee Angela Dean Odom) of Moss Point.

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Summer Camp Program hosted a carnival for the camp participants. When the camp kids were finished playing, the festivity continued as a fund-raiser for young Prince Woods, who is battling cancer. The highlight during the carnival was when Prince showed up to play the games, too.

Daycares from around the city came by. For a quarter per ticket, the children played balloon burst, go fishing, bean bag toss and other carnival games. They raised more than \$460 through ticket sales and donation.

About 55 camp participants and about 40 daycare kids had a big day. The carnival was not enough for them. From there they went to First Baptist Church to entertain senior citizens with a talent show during Lunch Bunch Tuesday.

Doug and JoAnne Fontaine celebrate their

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The leaves are falling, but the dadburn temperature still isn't!

PA in Pascagoula, an outpatient facility run by Dr. Alfred McNair.

She performs a range of clerical duties, including filing, labeling, making copies and compiling patient charts.

"Crystal is one of our best employees," said site supervisor Helen McNair.

"She's responsible, considerate and always eager to learn."

For her efforts Levy was presented with the office's Employee of the Month Award for outstanding service.

Part of what makes receiv-



Staff Photo/Christy Pritchett

Crystal Levy, left, is presented with an award from Helen McNair for her work over the past eight years at the Digestive Health Center P.A. in Pascagoula.

ing the award so special is that it's not normally the sort of recognition given to someone like Levy.

Levy has a developmental disability. She functions at a slightly different pace than

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students and teachers wail and cried as third-graders Galdo Alverdin and Marc Berrios carried the "coffin" as "headstone" to the final resting place of the old, worn-out words.

Preachers JA'lexis Lewis and Brenna Ferrell spoke tearfully about their dearly departed academic friends.

"We must lay these old verbs to rest," Brenna Ferrell said with a raised hand. "A promise to never, never use these dead verbs again. New verbs will rise up and breathe life into our writing."

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YOUR NEIGHBOR

By ANDY CHENOWETH

The Mississippi Press

PASCAGOULA — Wilson Duvall is a man with many colorful stories to tell.

As the only surviving member of the 1950 Rotary Club, he now spends a lot of time at the Senior Citizen Center and calls himself "the doorman." He likes to sit close to the front door to see who is going by. As the jokester, he likes to cheer up people and make them think.

In his backyard are orange, satsuma and fig trees. Each year when the fruit ripens, he donates it as a gift to the elderly and credits the

Wilson Duvall

Pascagoula High School students for arranging fruit baskets.

There are other interests in his backyard. He likes watching the birds build their nests and playing with his black labrador, Boo.

Wilson enjoyed studying genealogy and is proud of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, a Puritan preacher on his mother's side, who



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was the founder of the state of Connecticut. Other hobbies include collecting coins and bottles.

Wilson entered the University of Mississippi business school in 1946 when the registration fee was \$25. He was familiar with his surroundings because he had been raised around the campus. He arrived in Pascagoula in 1948.

His hardest job was working at the shipyard in the Nuclear Testing Department 33 when he was testing the welding from the top of the mast to the bottom of the keel on the nightshift.

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